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B2 5. (New) The solenoid system according to claim 4, wherein  
after the switching command, the control device does not  
affect the output quantity until at least at least one  
predefined value of the switching parameters is attained, the  
switching parameters including the contact speed.

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6. (New) The solenoid system according to claim 4, wherein  
the at least one threshold value is settable.

#### REMARKS

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This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without  
prejudice, claims 1-4 in the underlying PCT Application No.  
PCT/DE98/00035. This Preliminary Amendment further cancels,  
without prejudice, claims 1-3 of the revised pages in the  
annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report, and  
adds new claims 4-6. The new claims conform the claims to  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and does not add new  
matter to the application.

The above amendments to the specification and  
abstract are to conform the specification and abstract to U.S.  
Patent and Trademark Office rules and to correct  
informalities. The amendments to the specification and the  
abstract do not add new matter.

The underlying PCT Application No.  
PCT/DE98/00035 includes an International Search Report. The  
Search Report includes a list of documents that were uncovered  
in the underlying PCT Application. A copy of the Search  
Report is included herewith.

The underlying PCT Application also includes an  
International Preliminary Examination Report, dated February  
1, 1999. An English translation of the Preliminary  
Examination Report and the annex thereto is included herewith.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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